

Remarks

Claims 8-10 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 11-13 remain pending. Reconsideration of the present application is requested.


Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 11-13 are allowed.

Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,541,120 to Goebel et al. Applicants have canceled claims 8-10, without prejudice. Accordingly, the rejections of these claims should now be withdrawn.

All of the issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is, therefore, requested.

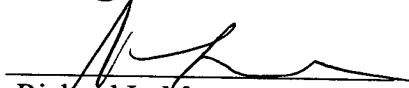
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